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AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

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E.O. 11652:  
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SUBJECT:

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Payments by American Companies to Guerrilla Organizations

ACTION:

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BUENOS AIRES 2969

REF: Buenos Aires 2820

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1. High official of Office of Presidency told Emboffs April 21 that United States businesses in Argentina were among those who had payed protection money to leftist extremist groups including Montoneros and ERP, at least before military coup of March 1976. He declined to name specific companies. According to this source, assassinations of executives of both Argentine and foreign companies since coup are due in part to refusal of companies to continue to pay protection money after change of government.
2. Official indicated that GOA has not decided upon policy to be adopted toward such companies.

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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